



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
AMERICORPS WEEK
MAY 9-16, 2009

WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and throughout our history, citizens have stepped up to meet our challenges by volunteering in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the AmeriCorps national service program has proven to be a highly effective way to engage Americans of all ages and backgrounds in meeting a wide range of community needs and to promote the ethic of service and volunteering; and

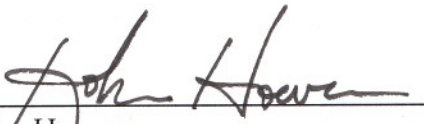
WHEREAS, since 1994, more than 574,000 men and women across the nation have taken the AmeriCorps pledge to "get things done for America" by becoming AmeriCorps members; and

WHEREAS, those AmeriCorps members have served a total of more than 718 million hours nationwide, helping to improve the lives of our most vulnerable citizens, strengthen our educational system, protect our environment and contribute to our public safety; and

WHEREAS, at the completion of their service terms, AmeriCorps members remain engaged in our communities as volunteers, teachers, public servants and non-profit leaders; and

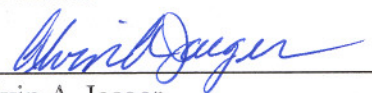
WHEREAS, citizens are encouraged to salute AmeriCorps members past and present for their powerful impact and to recognize the AmeriCorps community partners statewide who make this program possible by bringing more Americans into service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 9-16, 2009, **AMERICORPS WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.



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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State